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Wiz of the West is Saturday

The Missoula Children's Theatre will present The Wiz of the West at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 3 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

All tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the box office. For more information call 992-5160.

Black Gold Volleyball applications available

The Black Gold Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is set to begin on Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m. at the Belle Glade Marina.

Applications to enter a team in the tournament are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or at Glades Day School. Deadline is April 16. T-shirts will be given to each participant. The tournament is limited to the first 10 teams. Contact Dick Schmidt at 996-6029 days or 996-5782 evenings for more information.

I Love Pahoee Day will feature Low Country Boil

Pahoee will celebrate "I Love Pahoee Day" with a Low Country Boil & Fish Fry on Saturday, March 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Pahoee Main Street. "Some say the Low Country Boil originated in Louisiana, while others insist it came from South Carolina or Georgia," says Shirley Jarrell, Pahoee Main Street Coordinator. "We don't quibble over such details, we just enjoy the delicious mix of regional spices cooked together with shrimp, sausage, bottled corn, new potatoes, onions and celery. We serve it with hushpuppies and iced tea for only \$10. For those who don't like such dishes, we offer a dinner of catfish fingers and all the trimmings for only \$6," she said.

Tickets may be purchased from Chamber board members or at the Pahoee Chamber of Commerce.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Harvest Church Brass Ensemble, Pahoee Middle-Senior High School Multi-Cultural Dancers and Tasmin Mahfuz, who performs traditional Indian dances.

Volunteers are still needed to cook, serve, and sell tickets. Call the chamber at 924-5579 for more information.

Pastors' voices invited to meeting

All Glades area pastors are invited to help in the preparation of a day honoring Glades area spiritual leaders. The planning meeting is set for Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Indian American Community Center building, 200 South Main Street, Belle Glade (near Affordable Clinic).

For information call Gerry at 992-5160.

Belle Glade Commission to set workshop on parking ordinance

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A controversial ordinance, which if enforced as written could affect the livelihoods of many Belle Glade residents, will be discussed in a workshop by Belle Glade City Commissioners. Officials have not yet set a date for the workshop, but will at the April 5 commission meeting.

A meeting was held last week between city officials and those who will be affected if an ordinance, which has been on the books for over 30 years, is enforced as written.

One part of the ordinance forbids parking of buses, trucks or semis on private property.

Director of Public Safety Michael Miller told an audience of almost 100 that he has

had as many as 100 verbal requests that the ordinance be enforced and several written complaints.

The meeting with the owners of the buses and semis was the second one held by the city to try to find a solution which would be agreeable to both parties. While several suggestions were given, none were found to be a good solution.

Chief Miller told the group it was a tough issue without easy answers, "but believe me, your city commission does not want to do anything to put you out of business."

Currently, there is a moratorium on enforcing the ordinance until the city commission can make a decision on whether to amend, abolish or enforce the ordinance as written.

Questions and answers on inhalant abuse

By Katrina Elsen
Contributing Editor

• What is inhalant abuse?

Inhalant abuse is the deliberate inhalant or sniffing of common products found in homes and schools to obtain a "high."

• What are the effects of inhalant abuse?

Sniffing can cause sickness and death. For example, victims may become nauseated, forgetful, and unable to see things clearly. Victims may lose control of their body, including the use of arms and legs. These effects can last 15 to 45 minutes after sniffing. In addition, sniffing can severely damage many parts of the body, including the brain, heart, liver, and kidneys.

Even worse, victims can die suddenly - without any warning. "Sudden Sniffing Death" can occur during or right after sniffing. The heart begins to overwork, beating rapidly but unevenly, which can lead to cardiac arrest. Even first-time abusers have been known to die from sniffing inhalants.

• What products are abused?

Ordinary household products, which can be safely used for legitimate purposes, can be problematic in the hands of an inhalant abuser.

• What is a typical profile of an

inhalant abuser in the U.S.?

There is no typical profile of an inhalant abuser. Victims are represented by both sexes and all socioeconomic groups throughout the U.S. It's not unusual to see elementary and middle-school age youths involved with inhalant abuse.

Signs of inhalant abuse

How can a parent tell if a child is abusing inhalants? The National Institute of Health advises parents to watch for the following signs:

- Unusual breath odor or chemical odor on clothing
- Slurred or disoriented

speech

- Drunk, dazed, or dizzy appearance

- Signs of paint or other products where they wouldn't normally be, such as on the face or fingers.

- Red, watery eyes or nose

- Spots and/or sores around the mouth

- Nausea and/or loss of appetite

- Chronic inhalant abusers may exhibit such symptoms as anxiety, excitability, irritability, or restlessness

- Inhalant abusers also may exhibit the following signs:

- Sitting with a pen or marker near nose
- Constantly smelling clothing sleeves
- Showing paint or stain marks on the face, fingers, or clothing

- Hiding rags, clothes, or empty containers of the potentially abused products in closets and other places.

- If you suspect your child or someone you know is an inhalant abuser, what can you do to help?

- Be alert for symptoms of inhalant abuse. If you suspect there's a problem, you should consider seeking professional help.

- Contact a local drug rehabilitation center or other services available in your community, or The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition at 1-800-268-4237 or National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Service 1-800-662-HELP.

- SOURCE: The Coalition for the Prevention of Inhalant Abuse and the National Institute for Health



DeAngelo Bolden got the crowd revved up at Saturday's 19th Annual Glades Festival of Afro Arts. DeAngelo won first place in the talent contest for his poem "What If". Afro Arts began Saturday morning with a parade and continued all day at Lake Shore Park with a barbecue, arts and crafts and entertainment. Photo by Big A Vereen

N.Y. canal boat company may locate rental boats at Pahoee Marina

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

Peter Wiles Jr., president of Mid-Lakes Navigation Co. was in Pahoee this week deciding whether he will bring five of his canal boats to the city from New York.

Mid-Lakes Navigation is a family business which has 30 years of experience in canal boat navigation.

The company was founded by Peter Wiles Sr. in 1968 in Skaneateles, New York, as a one boat excursion company on Skaneateles Lake.

Today Mr. Wiles five children operate the business that has grown to 15 year round staff and as many as 70 summer employees.

They have the largest charter fleet in the state, a tour boat fleet that plies all of the canals of the NYS Canal System and several of the Finger Lakes and a successful steel boatbuilding operation.

The Lockmaster Heritage boats have 200 years of canaling experience.

The history of the Lockmaster spans two centuries beginning in England in the late 1700s.

A network of canals with a system of narrow locks and tunnels to manage the elevations linked people, goods and markets. Only seven feet wide in some places, these waterways still wind through hedgerows and pastures in a gentle countryside.

Nearly as much a part of the land as they were the water, the boats that plied these canals were sturdy and stable. Shallow-drafted and constructed of heavy planks, they could withstand frequent encounters with rocks, lock walls and shallows. They were built to last.

Families lived aboard the canal boats and worked year around making the trips between mill and market, market and mill.

Life on the canals was difficult, but the canaller had a freedom akin to that of the wandering gypsy. Canal wives decorated their craft with a touch of lace at the door and brightly painted tinware on the shelf.

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Task force working to sustain South Florida Ecosystem

Second in a series
By TWILA VALENTINE

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force was formalized and expanded to include tribal, state and local governments and was legislated in the 1996 Water Resources Development Act. In this current form, it is serving as a clearing house, referee, and coordinator.

entity. It is designed to help guide the restoration effort by all the various governments and groups, keep the efforts on track and ensure fiscal accountability.

At the present time, the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force is overseeing the work of the Everglades Forever Act, the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, the Central & South Florida Restudy, and other efforts that are underway by federal, state, and academic entities.

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainability project consists of nearly 200

environmental restoration, growth management, agricultural, and urban revitalization projects, programs, and initiatives that are designed to make South Florida more sustainable in the future.

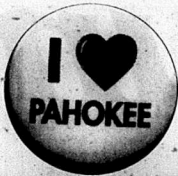
In this second part of a series, we will look over why all the restoration work is underway by this many different organizations.

Water is the common lifeline for the natural and built environments. Engineered flood control and water distribution systems, agriculture, growth, and development have disrupted

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Will this be a common sight at Pahoee Marina? If Peter Wiles Jr. of Mid-Lakes Navigation receives final approval from the City of Pahoee, he plans to bring the rental canal boats to Pahoee.



Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and Pahokee Main Street treat campers to a St. Patrick's Day Celebration



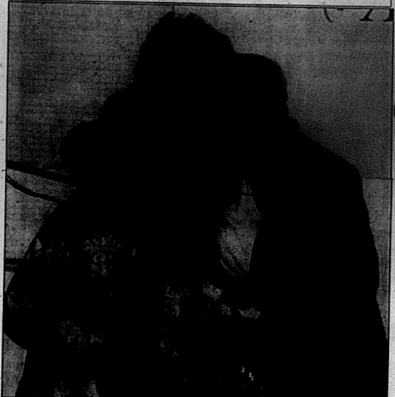
Campers at Pahokee Marine enjoy a night of music and great food provided by the residents of the City of Pahokee on Wednesday, March 17.



Pahokee Vice Mayor Roy Singletary and Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti enjoying some quiet conversation. Mr. Masilotti was a guest at the St. Patrick's Day celebration held for the campers at the Pahokee Campground last week.



Members of the Pahokee Chamber and city workers oversee the preparations for the St. Patrick's Day celebration honoring campers at the Pahokee Marina and Campground.



Joe Stevens entertained about 75 campers, city officials and residents at the St. Patrick's Day dinner held at the cafeteria of the old Pahokee High School. Mrs. Branch and Mrs. Jarriel helped Joe out in his version of *Help Me Make It Through The Night*.



Campers were waiting in line for the great food offered to them during the St. Patrick's Day celebration held on Wednesday. About 75 campers attended the celebration that was given in their honor by city residents.

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter
The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, Pahokee Main Street and the City of Pahokee celebrated St. Patrick's Day in good old country style on Wednesday complete with

smoked chicken and rib dinners with all the fixins.

Honored guests included County Commissioner Tony Masilotti and campers at the Pahokee Marina and Campground. "We just wanted the campers to know they are welcome here and thank them for choosing the Pahokee Marina and Campground for their trip," said Barbara Branch.

About 75 campers enjoyed a meal of fresh corn, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad and a table full of homemade

desserts that was sure to add a few pounds to their waistslines.

Also attending the festivities was James A. Udell, special projects coordinator for Commissioner Masilotti and Peter Wiles Jr. president of Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., Ltd., who may be Pahokee's newest businessman.

Mr. Wiles owns and manufactures canal boats, which he is making plans to bring to the Pahokee Marina.

Also attending were Vice Mayor Roy Singletary and Mayor Alvis Davis and his family.

Entertainment was provided by guitarist and singer Joe Stevens, who serenaded visitors with good old fashioned country music.

Some guests danced to top forty tunes as well as oldie goldies.

The dinner was also sponsored by Hugh H. Branch, Inc. First Community Bank, Foodland Grocery, Glen's Southern Barbeque, Thriftway Grocery and lots of volunteers.

"This is just wonderful," said one of the campers, who had just pulled into the campground and was literally kidnapped by

Mrs. Branch and Mrs. Jarriel.

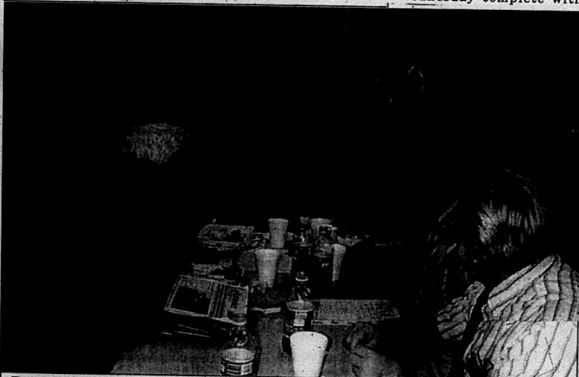
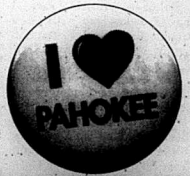
"We had just pulled in and were thinking of what to have for dinner when these two ladies asked us to join them and the other campers for dinner," said a couple from Ontario.

"This is the first time we have stayed in Pahokee, but we will definitely come back again. What a great little town this is."

That is exactly the kind of message, residents, city officials and county officials want people to see when they visit Pahokee.

In the coming years plans are being made to improve the facilities at the marina with regularly scheduled entertainment, bed and breakfasts and hotels or motels to accommodate their visitors.

The city is currently working on the marina to add more docking space.



Peter Wiles Jr. (left) and Nick Chiappini of Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., Ltd. enjoying a mouthwatering meal with Shirley Jarriel and Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck while couples danced in the background to good old fashioned country music preformed by local musician Joe Stevens.



Over 75 campers were treated to smoked chicken, ribs, corn on the cob and a variety of side dishes in a pot luck type of celebration held at the old Pahokee High School cafeteria on Wednesday. Members of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, city officials, city workers and many volunteers fed the hungry campers a good old fashioned southern dinner. They topped it off with a table of rich desserts.

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Strong Women Stay Slim

That's the advice from Miriam E. Nelson, Ph.D., who wrote the book on the topic, a follow up to "Strong Women Stay Young."

Ms. Nelson's books promote both aerobic and strength training for women.

Many women are "yo-yo" dieters, she writes. They lose weight and gain it back over and over. They'll lose the same 10 or 15 pounds over and over.

The trick to losing the excess poundage and keeping it off is to get into a regular exercise routine.

According to the book, Tufts University research compared women who followed identical diet plans. One group also participated in a strength-training plan. The women in the strength-training plan lost 44 percent more weight than the group that tried to lose weight through dieting alone.

When women go on low-calorie diets, they often lose muscle and bone instead of fat, Ms. Nelson states. A low-calorie or "starvation" diet causes the metabolism to go into "famine" mode. This makes it very difficult to lose weight and even harder to actually lose fat.

When women diet, at least 25 to 30 percent of the weight they lose is water, muscle, bone and other lean tissue, according to her studies. This is true no matter how much protein and calcium their food plan includes. And the faster they lose the weight, the larger the proportion that isn't fat, she states.

Women who consume a balanced, healthy diet and exercise build muscle. This causes the body to burn fat in order to build muscle.

Since it takes more calories to maintain muscle than it does to maintain fat, if you

build muscle you can also eat more food without gaining weight. Gaining muscle can also mean that while the scale may not indicate any total weight loss, you "slim down" physically. Muscle is more compact and heavier than fat. Women on strength training programs report losing dress sizes rather than pounds.

A University of Michigan study showed women could preserve muscle while losing weight if they participate in a strength training program.

Strength training helps lower cholesterol levels and blood pressure, the study showed.

It also helps combat osteoporosis.

Ms. Nelson offers five simple rules to minimize hunger and maximize energy:

- Eat at least three meals a day.
- Include at least three food groups at every meal.



By Katrina Elksen
Contributing Editor

- Go for a rainbow of fruits and vegetables.
 - Select whole grains.
 - Drink plenty of fluids.
- She also advises dieters to consult "the hunger checklist" before reaching for food. Ask yourself:
- When did I last eat? If your last meal was less than three hours ago, you probably don't need to eat again. Also,

remember it takes your body at least 20 minutes to "register" a meal. If you've just eaten, allow yourself enough time to feel full.

• Have I had enough to drink? Sometimes what feels like hunger is really thirst.

• Am I tired? If you are fatigued, you may be looking for a quick pick-me-up. Try a nap instead of a snack.

• Am I under stress? When you're anxious or upset, eating can be a form of comfort and self-sedation. Instead try a walk or some other form of exercise to cope.

Ms. Nelson advises easing into an exercise program. Start slowly and over time work up to a good routine. She also advises checking with your doctor before starting any diet or exercise program. This is especially important if you have health problems or are on any medication.

What kind of exercises

should you be doing? Ms. Nelson proposes exercises that build strength. Her book includes illustrations and tips on doing the exercises correctly.

While you can use home exercise equipment or go to a gym, the book also details an inexpensive strength training you can do at home with some dumbbells and a chair.

She suggests buying pairs of dumbbells in three pound, five pound, six pound and 10 pound weights. If you need to start with 1 pound weights you can save money by checking the pantry instead. A one-pound can of vegetables can do the job.

Ms. Nelson also encourages readers to develop an exercise habit including some form of aerobic exercise. Exercises suggested include walking, cycling, rowing, stair climbing and swimming.

ER Chronicles: "You have an infection in your throat"



By Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

Tina noticed the sore muscles yesterday. By this morning, it felt like someone had used a steel-wool pad in her throat. A knife stuck her every time she tried to swallow. She felt really cold, absolutely miserable.

"Mom, my throat hurts, like real-

ly bad," she whispered.

"Ooh! You feel hot! Tina's mother had just arrived home from work. It was Friday evening, and the thought of having a sick teenager at home for the weekend was disheartening; it had been a long week at the office.

"Tina, let's check your temperature."

The ER Triage nurse took a look in Tina's throat.

"It does look pretty sore! And you have a fever. Looks like it's...101 degrees."

"We just couldn't wait over the weekend." Tina's mother glanced around the waiting room, and felt somewhat out of place in the busy ER. "I thought it would be better to get it checked tonight, rather than to wait until her doctor is in the office on Monday."

The ER nurse was understanding.

"I know. And we'll try to get Tina

taken care of as soon as we can. It's pretty busy Friday night, so you may have to wait a little while. They've had a couple ambulances arrive just a few minutes ago. I'll get you a dose of Tylenol for the fever while you wait."

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez." Emergency physician Tammy Cortez hurried into Tina's small cubicle. She tried to focus her energies on this teenager. It was a hectic evening in the ER, and she had just left the Family Waiting Room after trying to explain the unexpected death of a beloved grandmother to four stunned grandchildren.

Cortez calmed upon her learned ability to draw a mental line between patients, and looked Tina in the eyes.

"Tell me when this started, Tina." "Couple days ago," Tina said quickly, limiting the number of words because of the pain each word seared into her throat.

As she questioned Tina about other symptoms and possible exposures to infection, Cortez peered into the red throat and frowned. She examined other areas.

"Sore," Tina whispered as the doctor probed the swollen lymph nodes on the front of Tina's neck.

"Tina, you have an infection in your throat. I've taken a specimen with a little swab to do a test for Strep bacteria. This will take about a half an hour; then I'll be back."

Cortez hustled toward the nursing desk, and handed the specimen to a nurse.

"Have them order a Strep screen for me. Thanks."

She grabbed the next chart from the stack and headed toward a man with a swollen leg.

Tina and her mother waited patiently. They heard screams from a baby down the hall. They overheard cursing from a man with slurred speech. The woman on the

other side of their curtain was complaining to someone about how long she had been waiting. A man with a bloody towel wrapped around his head was led past their room.

Tina, eyes closed, was leaning against her mother's shoulder when Cortez threw back the curtain. She looked up.

"Tina, the test did show that you have an infection with the Streptococcus bacteria. This can be a serious infection if it's not treated promptly, so I'm going to give you a prescription for an antibiotic to take care of this. Make sure you take all 10 days of the medicine."

Tina closed her eyes and sighed. She just wanted to go home.

Group A beta-hemolytic Streptococcus (GABHS) infections are common problems encountered in emergency departments and physician offices everywhere. These are particularly common in teenagers and young adults, but are rare in

children under three years of age.

GABHS infections commonly cause fever, sore throats, and tender lymph nodes in the neck, and may also cause symptoms such as headache, abdominal pain, and vomiting.

If not treated promptly and appropriately, such infections can lead to serious complications. These include abscesses in the throat and neck that may require surgery, and rheumatic fever, a disease that can affect the joints, heart, nervous system, and skin. It has been shown that appropriate treatment of a Strep throat infection, if begun within a few days of the onset of infection, can prevent rheumatic fever.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

Poison-proofing your home

One out of two children in Florida will have a dangerous encounter with poison before age five. Many common poisoning accidents result from exposure to household cleaning products, cosmetics and personal hygiene items, medications and plants.

The Florida Poison Information Network (FPIN) provides an invaluable service to the citizens of Florida by offering poison prevention and management information through a 24-hour, statewide toll-free hotline accessible by both voice and TTY; the toll-free number to call is (800) 282-3171.

"Millions of people are accidentally poisoned each year in their own homes—especially children, who are curious and may swallow, spill, or inhale potentially dangerous household products," said Melvyn Fletcher, MD, vice president of care and network management for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's South Geographic Business Unit. "More than 90 percent of those exposures are preventable, so we encourage people to be careful and prevent poisoning accidents in their own homes, as well as in the homes of grandparents, baby-sitters, and neighbors."

Following are some tips for keeping your home safe, as well as some pointers to remember should you ever need to call poison control.

Tips for keeping your home safe:

• Read the label on all household items three times: first before you buy the item to know what the potential dangers are. Read it the second time before you use the product to be sure you're using it safely as directed. And read the label again before you store the product as a reminder to store it away from children and pets.

• Make sure to ask your pharmacist to use child-resistant containers for all medication. But remember the containers are called child-resistant, not "child proof." The top will not stop a child from opening a container—it will only slow him or her down.

• Never refer to medication as candy and don't make a game of taking medication, since children like to emulate adults. Do not let children play with a medication container, even if it is empty and discard all old medications by flushing them down the toilet, not by throwing pills into a trash can.

• Do not mix chemicals, and read all

labels for precautions before use. Remember, even common household cleaners, like ammonia and bleach, can emit toxic gases when mixed together. Make sure you are using products in well-ventilated areas and wearing the proper protective attire.

• Never store chemicals or cleaning products in unmarked containers or food and beverage containers. There are many colorful drinking products on the market and each year thousands of children and adults mistake poisonous chemicals for what they thought was a harmless drink.

• Learn the proper names of plants in and around your home and mark each plant with its name. Local nurseries can be helpful in identifying plants. Be prepared ahead of time, since poisonings can occur at any time of the day and night.

• When called to the door or phone, take any open and available product or your child with you, and take extra care at times of family stress and when family activities are taking place, since these are a common time for poisonings to occur.

• Keep groups of people in your home, but always call your local poison center or

physician before using it, and have a poison center sticker posted on each phone in the home.

If you call poison prevention, expect the information specialist answering the phone to ask many questions. The specialist must get a thorough and accurate history of what occurred to determine the severity of the exposure. If there is a medication or chemical involved, you will be asked to bring the container to the phone. The specialist will ask you to read the exact name of the product, how much the bottle or container holds and may have to review the ingredients listed on the product.

"Remember when you are anxious and wondering if you or your loved one has been severely poisoned, these questions may seem like a waste of critical time," said Dr. Fletcher. "But the specialist needs this information to determine the potential for toxicity and the possibility that symptoms may develop."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida currently covers more than 2 million customers statewide. The company's South Geographic Business Unit is based in Miami with offices in Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. BCBSF is an inde-

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Area does not need another charter school

There are several good public schools in the area, a charter school already in place, and an established private school in the area. I doubt the need for another charter school, the proposed Myrtle Walker School.

More seriously, I doubt the motives of the "characters" applying for the school. How ironic they propose to build children's character when, in the past public record, they have shown so little of their own. The idea is so incredible it is ludicrous.

Thank you.

Responding to last week's caller

This is in reference to the article on speeding officers. I just want to let that citizen know that the reason why it was put in the newspaper was because I don't believe it was a 9-1-1 call because the officer stopped by Kentucky Fried Chicken to have a little lunch on the way.

As far as I am concerned, an officer should only speed when they have an emergency or when they have a 9-1-1 call, and that was not a 9-1-1 call.

Thank you very much."

Editor's note: The original Speak Out concerning this issue and concerns about a Paho-kee officer being excessively rude during ticketing was brought to Paho-kee Chief of Police Skeets Salvatore's attention. He did not respond or return calls.

Honor roll breakfast would be nice

"I am a proud parent of a fourth grader at Canal Point Elementary School. My question goes to Dr. Lucas.

Why is it that they don't have an honor roll breakfast for the A and B students? Things like that would be nice instead of something in the evening."

Crying wolf

"For the last six months I have heard people in Paho-kee make the statement that a young man in Paho-kee by the name of Larry Wright was radical, egotistical and out for himself. I've even heard people make the statement that he was like the little boy who cried wolf."

Well folks, we need to start heeding that wolf call and take a second look, because things that Mr. Wright have said are coming to pass.

He's not the little boy who cried wolf. We need to listen to some of his ideas. Believe me, folks, I even thought that at one time, but I

believe this man has the right interest of the City of Paho-kee at heart.

So wake up folks, he's not crying wolf. Thank you."

Caller wants buses and semis out of residential neighborhoods

"This Speak Out is regarding "Clean Up Belle Glade."

I am calling because I truly believe our city really needs to be cleaned up. I have been a friend of Commissioner Wilkerson for a long time and I know that she would not want anyone to lose their livelihood over parking the trucks and buses in residential areas.

I just want our citizens to understand that I am glad that she and the rest of the commissioners, took the time to step out and try to enforce an ordinance that has been on the books for the past 25 years.

I do not attend city commission meetings on a regular basis, but I was there the night they were discussing how they could improve Belle Glade.

There are different offers on the table for the owners of these particular buses and trucks and let's work with the city commission, not against them, to make our city a better place to live.

Also, I work at night, and I do not want to wake up in my neighborhood and hear fire trucks and buses and especially 18-wheelers, cranking up at 4:30 in the morning, disturbing my sleep. I need to rest. My children need to rest because they have school the following day.

Are any of these people taking this into consideration, that it's not just them, it's us working together to make this a better place to live.

Let's support them before we kill them about the ideas and suggestions. I understand the city has a suggestion about having property they would like to fence in and have a place where these people can park their vehicles so they won't be in our neighborhoods.

We do not need residential garages or residential buses and truck parking lots. We want our property value to go up, not down.

So let's try to improve where we live and let's try to work with our elected officials to make it better for us. I don't think either one of those people up there are trying to stop anyone's livelihood. Let's get together, people, and work together so this will be a better and cleaner place to live.

And, think about it. Think about what we're doing to our environment. As I drive through

SPEAK OUT CONTINUES ON PAGE 5

RACK'S
GARAGE



"MR SCHMIDT, REMEMBER THE QUESTION THAT I MISSED IN MECHANICS CLASS ON MY FINAL EXAM? WELL THIS IS THE PART I COULDN'T THINK OF AND ITS GOING TO COST YOU FIFTY DOLLARS TO HAVE IT REPLACED."

Letters to the editor

Newspaper missed a great opportunity

Dear Editor:

The Belle Glade Sun missed a terrific opportunity to report on something positive that happened in Paho-kee when Paho-kee Main Street sponsored a performance by the African Children's Choir. Now, don't get me wrong, this is not a criticism of Debra. I know she can't be everywhere all the time and she is doing a super job being at City Commission meetings. We do realize that Belle Glade is a much larger city than Paho-kee and their events take precedence. I just feel someone from the paper should have seen these children perform and interviewed them and their companions, especially since it was Black History Month. What a great opportunity to get the perspective of an African child!

Thanks to City Manager Ken Schenk for arranging this visit, which was unprecedented in that the African Children's Choir usually appears in large cities where they can get the most exposure. The fact that they agreed to perform twice in such a small city was something akin to a miracle. You see, their objective is not just to entertain, which they do with excellence, the money raised by the Choir is used to help house, feed, and educate children in Africa, saving them from certain death by starvation.

I would also like to thank the

following pastors and staffs:

Greater New Hope Baptist Church for opening their doors and their hearts during the church's anniversary week, Good Shepherd Church of God for the use of their beautiful facilities, First United Methodist Church for allowing the children to use their facilities during the day on Friday, and all of the churches who helped feed the children and their companions. A very special thanks to the host families who had the privilege of keeping these precious children in their homes as well as the adults who travel with them. Those who shared their homes and prepared meals included Hugh and Barbara Branch, Rev. Jim and Lola Brewer, Shirley and Wayne Jarriel, Henrietta Johnson, Patsy McAllister, Mimi and Mason Morales, Sandy and Chuck Otto, Ken and Amy Schenk, and Don and Alice Thompson. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Vice Mayor Roy Singletary, Ana Elrod, Diane Walker and to anyone else who had a part in making the African Children's Choir visit to our community the wonderful success that it was. I have never been so proud of the people of Paho-kee as the two nights we welcomed these children into our midst. The offerings were fantastic and the enthusiastic reception warmed the hearts of all who came. Thank you is not

enough, but it will have to do! Thank you!!

Very sincerely,
Shirley L. Jarriel,
Coordinator
Paho-kee Main Street

Editor's note: We too wish we could cover ALL the wonderful events that happen in Paho-kee, Canal Point, South Bay and Belle Glade. Unfortunately, there are only two of us to cover three city commissions, workshops, school events, community activities as well as late breaking news. We have only four full-time employees and one part-time graphics person in our office. We do all the typesetting, ad selling and building, pagination and photos between the five of us. Debra has been a wonderful addition to our staff and not only covers the Paho-kee beat but also South Bay and helps with Belle Glade coverage. We have given a camera to the Paho-kee Chamber of Commerce and Main Street and regret that no one took pictures at this event, which we would have gladly used. Anytime we cannot cover an event we appreciate the way our citizens cover the events for us and submit an article and photos on Monday morning. We almost never fail to recognize their efforts by trying to find room for what they have submitted.

Looking Back Through Time...



Grabers Bowling Team, 1949. Belle Glade resident Evelyn McKee brought us this 50 year old photo of her bowling team taken during a tournament in Clewiston. Shown, from left to right are: Dot Graber, Pat Snyder, Evelyn McKee, Helen McCabe, Marvene Vadaaz and Kathleen Livingston.

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Black Gold Notes

By Dianne Carter, Jubilee Chairman

Black Gold Jubilee Parade

Marching bands, military units, decorated floats, pickup trucks, antique cars, little kinds and queens, little princes and princesses, Harvest Queen and her Court, all these will be part of the fantastic Jubilee Parade.

Categories are: Best Organization/Group entry; Best Business Entry; Best Performing Entry; Best Theme Entry; Best Decorated Boat/Buggy; Best Decorated Bicycle; Best Marching Entry and Parade Committee Choice Award. The parade will line up on Avenue L, travel south on Main Street, and conclude at the City Hall Complex. Judge's stand will be located at Seminole Supply Company on Main Street. Parade applications may be obtained at City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce. Call Debbie Buff at 996-0100 for more information or to register

your entry in this year's parade.

Arts & Crafts, Food Booths

Artisans and craftsmen of all kinds will be gathering to offer their handiwork for sale at the Arts & Crafts and Food Booths. Booth applications are available at City Hall or contact Carl Seibert at 993-3343. Booth space may be reserved for \$100 for a menued food booth, \$50 for arts & crafts under a 10 x 10 tent, and \$40 for vendor-owned booths. A \$10 discount will be given to vendors who are Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce members. Vendors will have exclusive merchandise privileges on a first come, first service basis.

Photography Contest Deadline April 1

Photography Contest application deadline is nearing!

Don't be left out. Capture the *Spirit of the Glades* in a photo. Photos must have been taken after January 1, 1998 in a county surrounding Lake Okechobee, must be no larger than 8" x 10", and must be submitted by the person who took the photo.

Categories for the contest are: 1) Landscape/Still Life, 2) Character/People, and 3) Nature/Animals/Birds. You may submit two photos in each category. Judges will be Jaime Carillo, Ed Rongione, and Tony Toulis. Application forms are available at City Hall or you may contact Karen Corbin at 996-6851 or Dianne Carter at 996-0100. Don't forget - deadline is April 1.

Watch *The Sun* for further details on contests and events, or call Belle Glade City Hall at 996-0100 or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

See you at Black Gold!!

Paul Orsenigo was presented the March "Chamber Member of the Month Award" during the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast on Wednesday, March 17. Presenter Danielle Pennel, executive director for the chamber, said Mr. Orsenigo was to be commended for his work in helping beautify Mace Park. The park has been landscaped, resodded and trees placed at the park for the benefit of the many children who use the facility.

SPEAK OUT/From Page 4

Belle Glade I see people living in apartment buildings with 18-wheelers out front and old piles of tires and everything. This is a health hazard. And you park on anybody's property, not just your property.

Again, let's try to work together to try to make this a better place to live. Thank you."

No criticism, just observation

The other day some friends and I were talking about how much women have advanced in society over the years. Women are doctors, lawyers, accountants, business owners. They are everything from housewives, construction workers, police officers to the corporate CEOs. We realized as the conversation progressed that women are still not fully accepted in certain work forces, and they brought up why the police department has very few female officers, but yes, they do hire women.

Then we realized we had never seen a female firefighter in Belle Glade, and we wanted to know why.

Granted, the Belle Glade Fire Department does a wonderful job, but why no women? I'm sure there is a logical explanation why we have no female firefighters and also no female volunteers.

In writing this, I nor my friends want to downgrade the safety departments of Belle Glade. We all feel they are great.

"Thank you."

Michael R. Miller, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police and Steve Rice, Fire Chief, respond to *Speak Out*: "Thank you for expressing your support and concern. Both the Belle Glade Police Department and Belle Glade Fire Department encourage all qualified applicants to apply for any open position. Any interested person should contact Human Resources at City Hall or come by the Police Department or Fire Department for an application.

P.S. The Belle Glade Fire Department has been fortunate to have a qualified firefighter who was a female."

Vehicles on private property

"I am responding to last week's *Speak Out* on vehicles parking on private property. I did the research and found that for 32 years each commission saw the stupidity of this ordinance. It was drawn up by five individuals and was dropped each time it came up. There is no solution to this problem. The city does not have enough property to park all the vehicles, or police to give them security. That's why people who own their property and pay taxes should be allowed to park that vehicle they own on their property."

Yes, this ordinance affects me and you, whether you realize it or not. We had a meeting last week and 68 people showed up to protest this ordinance which as it stands has zero tolerance, no boat, hunting buggy, company pickup, truck or buses.) If this does not sound like Wellington, you tell me what does. Palm Beach County School buses park all over this town. Do you complain? I don't think so.

These people are trying to make a living. Complainers like you want to hurt their income to their families. Ninety-nine percent of all farm labor is carried by trucks and buses to produce and benefit Belle Glade by returning their money back to town.

Why don't you complain about drugs and trash? That is a huge problem the city has never overcome. I have trash thrown in my yard daily. I pick it up (not complain) and go on with more important jobs. My yards are kept clean and have for 63 years. Why don't you focus your efforts on a garbage bag and elbow grease to clean up the town, not just one day out of 365? I suppose next, instead of complaining about noise, but you don't complain about the garbage truck early in the morning, or the fire engines going off at night, do you?

See, everybody can complain. It's ridiculous."

Sun Spots

Steak Night at Pahokee Elks Lodge

Members and guests are invited to enjoy steak night every Saturday evening at the Pahokee Elks Lodge. Reservations are requested. Call 924-7727 for more information.

Homecoming Service

The Pahokee Church of God, 245 West Third Street, will host their 21st Homecoming Service on Sunday, March 28.

The theme is "Welcome Home. We have come this far by faith" and a parade will begin at 10 a.m.

Bishop Bud Mickins invites the community to attend.

Church to host Men's Day Program

The men of St. John's First Missionary Baptist Church, 600 S.W. 8th Street, Belle Glade, invite the community to attend their annual Men's Day Program. The theme for this year's program is "Christian Men Letting Their Light Shine for the Glory of God."

The event will be Sunday, March 28 beginning with the

morning program. Lunch will be served and there will be a worship hour titled "Portraits of a Godly Man."

Wanted: Classmates from the Class of 1990

A planning committee for the class reunion of the class of 1990, Glades Central, is seeking former class members.

There will be a meeting on April 11 at 4 p.m. at Sticks' place, 340 N.W. 11th Street, Apt. 8.

For further information call Stuck at 914-0793 after 10 p.m. on weekdays or anytime on the weekend. Classmates can also call Lula at 992-9326.

Palm TransVan Outreach dates

Palm Tran's free community outreach Palm TransVan is in full gear, traveling county-wide with valuable information on Palm Tran and Spectran.

Specialists will be on hand for travel planning, answering questions and providing Spectran eligibility applications if requested.

They will be at the Belle Glade Senior Citizens Center

on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Great American Cleanup

Make plans now to join thousands of volunteers of all ages across America who will be taking part in efforts to clean up and improve their local communities this April 3.

In celebration of Earth Day and Keep America Beautiful Month, the cities of Belle Glade and Pahokee will host clean up events.

Both events will begin at 8 a.m. In Belle Glade, volunteers are asked to go to the Glades Boys & Girls Club at the Lake Shore Civic Center and in Pahokee, participants are encouraged to go to the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce.

Gospel Fest

There will be a Gospel Fest on Saturday, March 27. The Gospel Fest will be held at Tanner Park in South Bay from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Anyone with questions can call Jenny Patterson on her beeper at 1-888-402-0244.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 677 complaints, worked 6 crime scenes and gave 25 traffic citations the week of March 15-21.

Those arrested included:

March 15 - No arrests made.

March 16 - Stephen Holley, 37, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Laverne Smith, 50, felony retail theft; Roger Smith, 30, order of commitment for contempt of court; Juvenile, 10, burglary of a residence and petty theft; Juvenile, 9, burglary of a residence and petty theft.

March 17 - Bobby Chambers, 34, contempt of court and possession of cocaine; Claude Brown, 39, loitering and prowling; Greg Ashley, 32, loitering and prowling.

March 18 - Ajani Hammond, 24, domestic battery; Leonard Pene, 29, violation of probation.

March 19 - Calvin Lee Devol, 45, kidnapping, sexual battery with force or injury,

Rodney Leon King, 38, grand theft; Israel Hester, 29, grand theft.

March 20 - No arrests made.

March 21 - Clifford Kitchen Jr., 19, felony battery; Juvenile, 17, possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 7 arrests the week of March 14-20.

Those arrested included:

March 14 - No arrests made.

March 15 - No arrests made.

March 16 - Gorge L. Garcia, 25, auto theft; Chris O. Daniel, 22, assault.

March 17 - Timothy C. Wildinson, resisting arrest without violence; Juvenile, grand theft and resisting arrest.

March 18 - John D. Johnson, 33, domestic violence.

March 19 - Iysha A. Green, 19, battery; Ceela Harris, 20, battery.

March 20 - No arrests made.

CRIME

citizens to help locate Patricia Sherman, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Sherman is a black female, 5'7" tall, and weighs 211 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and her date of birth is July 28, 1975. Her last known address was 64 Davis Street, Apartment B, Belle Glade.

Patricia Sherman

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking

Her Social Security number is 591-32-5021 and her last occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of March 16, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Sherman, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-5477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter presents



These festival goers seem to be having a great time!

By Robbie Everett

The members of Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter proudly presented its 19th Annual Festival of Afro Arts on Saturday, March 20. This event took place at the Lake Shore Park and Recreation Complex. An estimated 8000 people stopped by to purchase and sample many of the cultural wares and listen to the music of DJ Fred McCaskill. Vendors for this event came from

as far as Vero Beach to participate. Ms. Gloria Penny's creations of African American figurines depicting fraternity and sorority favorites were a hit.

The festival kicked off with a youth fishing tournament in Pahokee, sponsored by Derly P. West, Mary Seabrooks, Allen "Dap" Donaldson and Herbert Crawford of the City of Pahokee After School Program. Trophies

were awarded in two categories. K-2nd grade winners were: 1st Fish, Rontavious Atkins; Biggest Fish, Tiffany Osborne; Most Fish, Nathaniel Smith. 3rd-6th grade winners were: 1st Fish, Alvin Johnson Jr.; Biggest Fish, tie between Ronald Osborne and Artis Ford; Most Fish, Alcatrina Ingram. All participant received a certificate of participation.

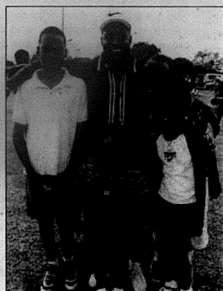
The festival parade

ing Commissioner Mary Wilkerson, also carried Amicae Olivia



Shown in the center of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

STANDING OME



Willie Floyd Woodley & family enjoy their day out at the park.



Gloria Penny showing off her doll collection to the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.



City Commissioner Mary Wilkerson for the evening



Mrs. Darlene Bolden and the Xtreme Teens of Glades Central High School sold snacks at the event.



At the Abrams' food booth folks could pick up jerk chicken, pork or beef. Mmm-mmm good!



Recording Artists THE AV recording and giving out tapes.



DeAngelo Bolden took 1st Place in the talent contest with his poem entitled "What If?"



Gene Golden received the 2nd Place plaque for his rap entitled "Nothing But That Cheese."



The Queen Posse took 3rd Place with their Haitian dance. The group's manager is Huggie Bear.



DJ Fred McCaskill kept a variety of tunes flowing throughout the day.



These city employees did a great job of keeping the grounds picked up. A few even performed on stage!

19th Annual Festival of Afro Arts

gett and communi- youth led all to the ce Shore Park. A



tion is president Robbie Everett.

proclamation was presented by Mayor D. Bill Mathis to the Executive Board of the Afro Arts Festival proclaiming March 20, 1999 as Afro Arts Day in Belle Glade. Mrs. Helen Rutledge led the audience in "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

A fun day was had by all at the festival as young and young-at-heart competed in the talent show. The City of Belle Glade Sanitation crew had an enjoy-

able time as they performed for the crowd, when not working to keep the grounds clean. D'Andre Bolden won a plaque *Best of Show* with *Nothing But That Cheese* coming in a close second. Mrs. Jessie Terry announced the on-stage performances. Mrs. Terry awarded 18 Afro Arts t-shirts to the evening show participants for a job well done.

Music in the park

after dark was provided for area teens until 10 p.m., giving the youth time to perform their favorite tunes or just relax to the sounds of Master P and many others.

Special thanks to Mrs. Darlene Bolden and the Xtreme Teens of Glades Central for assisting with the clean-up throughout the day, and Chief Miller and the police department for being there until the end.



The 1999 Afro Arts Festival was a huge success!



id Jessie Terry preparing rformance.



Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on duty during the festival were (l-r) Winifred Tolbert, Arrissa Patterson, Vera Hopson and Julia Hale.

DREAM DREAM DREAM



Daniel Bythwood wears a t-shirt promoting Daddyhood. It reads: Any man can be a FATHER but it takes someone special to be a DADDY. How true.



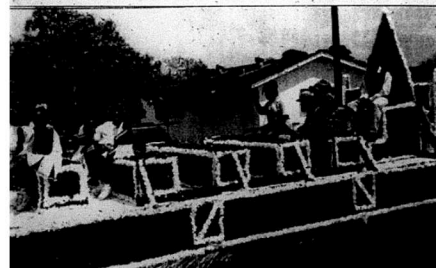
on hand to sign autotapes and poster.



The Funderburks served delicious barbecue ribs.



Barbeque turkey wing and legs were available from this grill manned by K. Knight.



The parade marshal's float.



These young ladies proudly carried the Afro Arts banner in the parade.



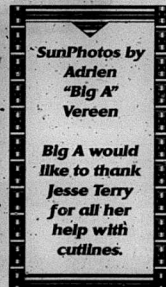
Member of the Twenty Pearls participated in the parade.



The Bells of Joy ended the festival with some good old gospel singin' at A.M.E. Church.



Walter Hall can't believe it's 10:00 already.



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Anyone interested in copies of these photos and more can contact Big A at 996-3918 or 996-2340

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Puppies are fun and enjoyable, but they can be a lot of work, too. They take care, love and attention, so before you bring one home, make sure you know what you're getting into.

The Homecoming

Before you bring your puppy home, choose a name. It's important that you call the puppy by his/her name so the puppy gets used to it. Plan to spend a lot of time with and keep your eyes on your puppy when you first bring him/her home. Your puppy will need much of your attention because this is the first time away from his/her mother and brothers and sisters.

Puppy Supplies

There are a number of items you will need to get before your puppy comes home. If you have questions, ask the breeder or your vet for help before you stock up.

- Food and water bowls. Select bowls that are the right size for your puppy at this age. You can buy larger ones when your puppy can use them.
- Collar and leash. Find the right size collar for your puppy. Be sure to attach an identification tag. You will need a leash to take your puppy for walks or to go other places.
- Grooming supplies. Find a comb and brush for your pet.
- Toys. Puppies love toys, but make sure they are safe for the puppy's age.
- Puppy food. You will need to find the right food for your puppy's size and breed.

Puppyproofing Your Home

Because puppies like to explore, you need to make sure your home is safe for them.

1. Get all poisonous products out of your puppy's reach.
2. Plants can be dangerous for puppies. Some can make them sick, others can hurt them if they get tangled in them.
3. Check for dangling cords, electrical cords, window blinds and curtains, nails or other things that could hurt your puppy.
4. Keep the toilet lid down.
5. Pick up small items that puppies could swallow.

Choosing A Vet

There are a number of things to consider when you select a veterinarian for your puppy.

- Make sure the vet has a clean office.
- Talk to the staff to make sure the people care about and enjoy caring for animals.
- Find out if the vet has flexible hours.
- Is the vet close to your home?
- Does the vet provide emergency care?



Answers

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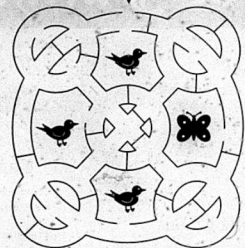
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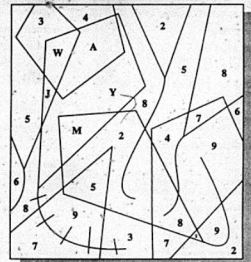
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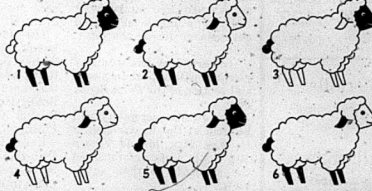
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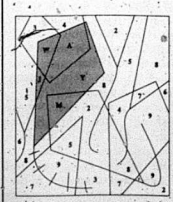
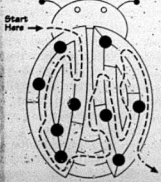
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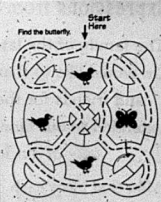
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Obituaries

Week of March 25, 1999

James M. "Jimmy" Winn, age 80, of Canal Point, died Sunday, March 14 in Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee.

A native of Vanceboro, North Carolina, he was born on Dec. 18, 1918. He was the son of the late James Enoch and Maimi King Winn.

Mr. Winn had made his home in Canal Point since moving from Clewiston in 1962. He was a veteran of World War II, where he served with the U.S. Navy.

For 46 years, prior to his retirement in 1987, he was employed with US Sugar, first at Clewiston and then at Bryant.

At the time of his retirement, he was Chief Engineer of the Bryant Sugar House. He was a member of Okeechobee Lodge No. 237, Free and Accepted Masons and the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Lake Worth.

Mr. Winn was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Canal Point Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred Ricks whom he married on December 27, 1941. He has a son, James Chester (Chuck) Winn of Clewiston; daughters, Rhonda Gist and her husband Bill of West Palm Beach and Karen Bonavia and her husband Thomas of Wellington; brother, Arthur Wayne King of Tallahassee; sister, Mary Jean Hughes of Atlanta; grandchildren, Tiffany Hutton, Sarah Gist and Shelly Winn; great-grandson, Madison Charles Hutton.

The funeral service was conducted Thursday, March 18 at the Canal Point Baptist Church.

The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in the Ridgeland Cemetery in Clewiston.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee had charge of the arrangements.



Local School News

Glades Central High School

On Wednesday, March 23, Glades Central seniors traveled to Palm Beach Atlantic College for Pathfinder interviews.

Ten Students were nominated by academic departments to represent Glades Central. The 1999 nominees are:

- Mathematics: Dwight Forde
- Foreign Language: Lorena Escorcia
- Literature: Reson Konchallah
- Community Service: Percy Napier
- Science: Curnesia Bryant
- Journalism: Tina Wilson
- Instrumental Music: Morana St. Hilaire
- Vocational: Jorge Huertes
- Sports: Faryl Morris
- Drama: Nephthalie Vargas

Glades Gator Tales by Farrah Shuttles and Rebecca Palmer

Spring Break is upon us! Glades Day faculty and students will be ready to take some time off for the Spring holidays, which begin this Monday, March 29 and will end Monday, April 5. School will resume Tuesday, April 6.

We congratulate the Class of 1999 for the success of their play, "They Run In Our



In the above picture the PACE Center for Girls of the Glades, an all girls Second Chance School in Belle Glade, was the recipient of an American Flag on Feb. 25. The Belle Glade American Legion Post 20 donated and performed a flag dedication ceremony at the 40 student site.

In attendance were PACE Center for Girls staff members, students and Board members.

PACE Center for Girls of the Glades has been an active part of the Glades community for three years. It serves girls 12 to 18. The school offers gender specific, one to ten student/teacher ratios with case management staff.

Below, staff members express their thanks for the donation of the American flag.

For more information, call 561-996-6008.



Social News

Xi Zeta Mu

Members of Xi Zeta Mu held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The meeting was held at hostess Karen Corbin's home with Gloria Swager as co-hostess.

During the meeting Gloria Swager read an inspirational selection from the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series entitled "The Gift that Lives Forever."

Plans were finalized for the Girl of the Year Party held on March 20 at Beefeater's in West Palm Beach.

The gift raffle winner was Greadle Yur. Members enjoyed a variety of homemade treats. Members present were: Karen Corbin, Jane Evans, Janise Goforth, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Laverne Motes, Sara Nell Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Greadle Yur.

Nu Kappa

Nu Kappa, a chapter of Delta Sigma Phi, held its March meeting at the home of Elizabeth Harrington in Loxahatchee.

The "Girl of the Year" vote was held and a social was scheduled to celebrate. As has been done for the past several months, the majority of the meeting was set aside to continue preparations for Founder's Day, which the chapter will be hosting this year.

The hostess gift, a miniature white rose bush, was won by Julie Zambrory.

All of the members enjoyed a delicious array of refreshments. The sisters present were Elizabeth Harrington, Betty Hodges, Nora Ornelas, Marsha Smith, Becky White and Julie Zambrory.

Computer equipment needed for after school students in Pahokee

The Pahokee Recreation Department is in need of any computer equipment or software for their new computer lab at the After School Program.

Some grant moneys were made available for the rehabilitation of the old Pahokee High School gym, where the lab was set up for the students.

Workers are hoping to fill the room with working computers so the children can be taught the skills needed to educate and challenge themselves in this new, exciting "electronic age."

"At the present time, we are working with the School District, the City of Pahokee and private individuals to bring together enough old and discarded computers to provide the electronics necessary to fill the 20 lab stations for the children," said Larry Wright.

Volunteers are giving their time and knowledge to refurbish and connect the various parts they have accumulated so far, but they are still short.

"If there are any individuals or businesses out there who have old or new computers, keyboards, monitors or any other computer equipment, we would be forever grateful if they could be donated to the Pahokee Recreation Department," said Mr. Wright. "Our children are our most important natural resource and we want to provide them with whatever it takes to give them the skills and courage to create a better future for us all."

Anyone with equipment, or monetary donations can call Mr. Herbert Crawford at the Pahokee Recreation Office at 924-2972 or call Mr. Wright at 924-2981 and leave a message.

Expressions from the Lusane Family

The family of the late, Mr. Johnnie Lusane Jr. would like to thank the church, family and friends for their acts of kindness extended to our family, during the passing of our loved one.

May God bless each one of you abundantly.

The Family of Johnnie Lusane Jr.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REVOKE PROBATION
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It is her intention to apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida, to revoke the probation of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 9, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., a public auction will be held at 100 US 27 North in South Bay, Florida. The following vehicles will be auctioned off for cash. All sales will be cash.

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All of the above vehicles are currently stored at the 100 US 27 North location in South Bay, Florida.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

OF LANDOWNERS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Directors of Palm Beach Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of East Shore Water Control District for the year 1999 will be held at the office of said District in the Belle Glade office at Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay will hold a Commission Workshop, Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Center, 100 Palm Beach Blvd., South Bay, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Jose Ramos winner of Dwight Allison Fellows award

The volunteer and humanitarian work of Jose Ramos of Belle Glade was recognized recently when he was one of five South Florida residents honored with the Dwight Allison Fellow award.

Named for Dwight Allison Jr., a former board chair of the Community Foundation for

Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the award comes with a \$5,000 check which recipients can use as they see fit.

Other recipients included Alphonso Brat, a West Palm Beach police officer, Margaret Garr, a North Palm Beach resident and retired teacher, Leigh Williams, a retired nurse and

Indiantown resident, and Merry Herring, who established the Olufemi II Dance Theatre in Riviera Beach.

Jose accepted the award at a ceremony held March 8 in West Palm Beach.

Born in Camuy, Puerto Rico, Jose came to Belle Glade when he was eight years old. A for-

mer migrant, he received his education in the public school system and from South Western Bible School in Texas.

Jose says he enjoys being of service to others and he is a licensed minister in the Church of God and an active member of the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee where he serves as a councilman.

Through his church, he serves on the LifeBuilders Board. This board serves the community by rehabilitating homes to provide adequate shelter for residents. They provide food and clothing to the needy and also counseling support services.

As an employee with the City of Pahokee, whenever he learns that a family is in need of services, he seeks ways to help support them.

Jose has spent the last 28 years helping others, starting in 1972 when the earthquakes and disasters hit Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

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ed the region's water quality, quantity, timing and distribution. Agricultural runoff and urban stormwater have introduced high levels of phosphorus, mercury, and other contaminants into the water system, polluting lakes, rivers, estuaries and the Everglades, claims a recent publication issued by the Task Force. The publication also states that abnormally high discharges of stormwater into estuaries and coastal waters have severely degraded aquatic habitats that support fish, birds, and other species. Groundwater is threatened by saltwater intrusion and other marine-induced pollutants.

These impacts have significantly stressed the natural system.

Evidence of these impacts include: 50 percent reduction in the original acreage of the Everglades; 90 to 95 percent decrease in the wading bird



Jose Ramos

He said he felt he could be of assistance to these people, so he went because the need was so great. The desire to help was so great that in 1976 he went to Haiti, to minister and take supplies.

In 1977 he was asked to go to the Dominican Republic as an interpreter for 60 missionaries. He was always willing to go if he thought he could be of help to anyone. In 1993 when Hurricane Andrew hit Homestead, he went and helped with the rebuilding and in 1997 he went to Mexico with a group to help build a church and repair a

population; 68 threatened or endangered species; two million acre-feet of water lost from the system through discharge annually; one million acres of the ecosystem under health advisories from mercury contamination; phosphorus contamination of Lake Okeechobee, the Everglades, and surrounding wetlands; and the rampant spread of invasive, exotic plants and the displacement of native species. Rapid population increase, development, and urban sprawl along the state's coastal areas have similarly stressed the built environment.

Agricultural areas in the interior face related problems stemming from growth and urban sprawl.

Indicators of stress in the built environment include: 16 percent reduction in agricultural lands; high numbers of sites contaminated by hazardous materials; greater unemployment,

parsonage.

He and his wife, Gloria J. Steele, have been married for 35 years. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

He was always active in his children's life as they were growing up and took part in all of their school activities. This brought him in contact with a lot of children at school and he became the Chaplain of the football and basketball teams at Christian Day School, where his children attended.

He also picks up old bicycles and repairs them for children who have always had a yearning in their eyes to have a bike of their own.

Jose has brought many a stranger into his home who was hungry and fed them and even given them his own clothing. If a person is in need of help, they can always look up Jose Ramos and he will go out of his way to help them.

Jose says he wants no praise for his deeds as he wants God

ment, lower income and education levels, and a high prevalence of poverty in urban cores; repetitive water shortages and salt water intrusion; increased demands for roads, utilities, and services in response to the outward growth of suburbs; and decreased tax bases in urban cores and over stressed infrastructures.

Now, and in the next 50 years, is when the restoration work needs to be done. Reestablishing a healthy and sustainable ecosystem, including both the natural and built environments, is a massive undertaking that will take decades to complete and will require long-term funding commitments. The progress made to date shows that the current methods work and will continue to be improved.

Ultimate success will depend on continued consensus and cooperation among restoration partners.

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